

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

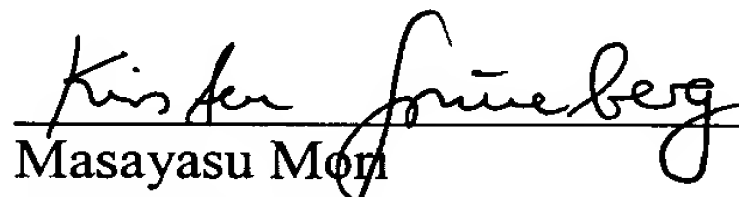
Claims 1-6 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over JP 53081578A.

Since Claims 7 and 8 were not rejected over JP 53081578A, their limitations have been included in Claim 1. In addition, the limitations of Claim 7 have been included in Claim 9. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 9 as well as dependent Claims 2, 5, 6 and 10-30 should be allowable.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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